

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are currently pending. By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended to comply with the 150 word maximum. No new matter is added.

The Quayle Action objects to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 25, 2006. During the telephone interview conducted on October 17, the Examiner asserted that the IDS was not considered because an English language translation of the non-patent publications cited therein was not provided. Applicant respectfully submits that these references comply with the requirements because the two non-English non-patent publications were discussed in the *Background* section of the specification, as indicated in the April 25, 2006 IDS at, for example, page 4, lines 9-21. Therefore, no English translation is needed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (see also MPEP §609.04(a)(II)).

Therefore, because a concise explanation of each reference is included in the *Background* section of the specification, Applicant respectfully submits that the April 25, 2006 IDS complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection and acknowledgement of the April 25, 2006 IDS.

The Quayle Action objects to the Abstract as not being within the 150 word maximum. Applicant attaches an amended Abstract that is within the 150 word maximum. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Amended Abstract

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